

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

By this amendment, the claims have generally been amended to ensure internal consistency and the indicated allowable subject matter of claim 9 has been included in rejected claim 25.

In view of the above, Applicants believe all objections and rejections have been overcome and the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is kindly requested to pass the above application to issue.

Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T2147-908580) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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